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Attached hereto is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form submitting the four references for consideration.

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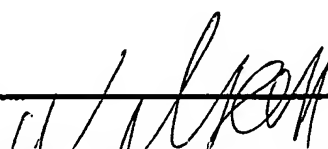
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